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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2652**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Notice of Allowance Mailed  
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Application No.: 10/807,260

Group Art Unit: 2652

Filed: March 24, 2004

Examiner: Robert S. Tupper

Docket No.: 111654.01

For: SLIDER OF THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

**COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner stated:

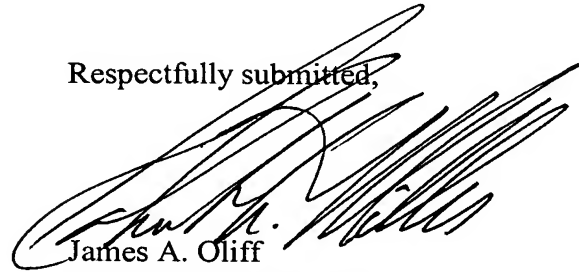
The prior art does not teach or suggest a slider having a slider section with a first medium facing surface, an element section with a second medium facing surface and a magnetic head, where the first medium facing surface has features for controlling the orientation of the slider while the medium is rotating ...

However, one would understand that this is an incomplete paraphrasing of the language in the allowed claims, and that the Examiner intended to state:

The prior art does not teach or suggest a slider having a slider section with a first medium facing surface, and an element section with a second medium facing surface and a magnetic head element, where the first medium facing surface has features for controlling the orientation of the slider section while the medium is rotating ...

which while still is a paraphrasing of the claims properly reflects the features and thus relationship.

Respectfully submitted,



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